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Security Guard Company Owner Pleads Guilty to Employment Tax Fraud

--Company owner failed to pay more than \$2 million in withholding taxes--

Washington, D.C. - Ronson Britt, 63, co-owner of B & B Security Consultants, Inc., has pled guilty to failure to pay more than two million dollars in withholding taxes, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips, Acting Assistant Attorney General John A. DiCicco of the Tax Division, and C. André Martin, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Washington Field Office for the Internal Revenue Service. Britt pleaded guilty earlier today in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before the Honorable James Robertson. Britt is scheduled to be sentenced on February 9, 2010.

On June 9, 2009, Britt's business partner, Willie Borden, also entered a guilty plea to one count of tax fraud. Both defendants face a statutory maximum term of imprisonment of 5 years. The parties agreed, however, that the calculation under the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines for each defendant is 30 to 37 months in prison.

B & B Security Consultants, Inc. was in the business of providing security guards to various organizations and events throughout the Metropolitan area. In pleading guilty, Britt and Borden both admitted that between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2006, B & B Security Consultants, Inc. withheld \$2,117,840 in payroll taxes from B & B employees' paychecks, but that they purposefully failed to remit this sum to the Internal Revenue Service. Instead of paying these payroll taxes to the Internal Revenue Service, the defendants used the funds to pay themselves substantial salaries, purchase discretionary business items and divert business assets for personal expenditures.

In addition to willfully failing to pay employment taxes to the Internal Revenue Service, Britt and Borden also both failed to timely file federal Individual Income Tax Returns for several years. As part of their pleas, both defendants agreed to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$2,114,746, to file complete and accurate personal income tax returns,

and to pay any taxes, penalties and interest due and owing.

In announcing today's guilty plea, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips, Acting Assistant Attorney General DiCicco, and Internal Revenue Service Special Agent-in-Charge Martin commended the investigatory work of I.R.S. Special Agents Nicole Davis and Tara Reed. They also praised Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan B. Menzer and Tax Division Trial Attorney Karen E. Kelly, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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